	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
Notice of Allowability	09/901,280	ROSSI ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Nhan T. Tran	2615	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to *amendment filed 3/1/2006*.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are *1-15, 25, 28-30 and 35-38*.

3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a) ☐ All   b) ☐ Some*   c) ☐ None of the:

        1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .

        3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

    (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

        1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of

        Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

    Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____

4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____ .

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____ .

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1.   Applicant's arguments, filed 3/1/2006, with respect to claims 1-12, 25, 28-29, 35-37 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of these claims are withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

2.   Claims 1-15, 25, 28-30 & 35-38 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in claim 1 that includes **"a first isolation circuit coupled to each first bus for selectively isolating each group from the readout circuit, the first isolation circuit comprising a switch for selectively connecting the first bus to a predetermined voltage."**

Regarding independent claim 25, the prior art of record fails to teach or fairly suggest the combination of all limitations required in claim 25 that includes **"selectively isolating from said readout circuit the groups of pixels not associated with the selectively enabled group select circuit by disabling the subgroup select circuits and group select circuits not associated with the selectively enabled group select circuit and applying a predetermined voltage to at least one first bus coupled to**

the disabled group select circuits by operating a switch coupled to the at least

one first bus."

Regarding claims 2-15, 35, 37 & 38, these claims are directly or indirectly

dependent from claim 1.

Regarding claims 28-30 & 36, these claims are directly or indirectly dependent

from claim 25.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later

than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on
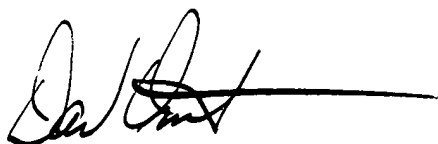
Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Nhan T. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-

7371. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, 7:30am -

5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, David Ometz can be reached on (571) 272-7593. The fax phone number for

the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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